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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 6, 2000
WITH SUBMISSION OF SEQUENCE LISTING
AND CORRECTED DECLARATION OF INVENTOR**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to an Official Action mailed June 6, 2000 in the above-identified application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks. This response is due December 6, 2000 by virtue of the attached petition and fee for a three month extension of time. No additional fees are believed to be due; however, should any fees be deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this document, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fees deemed due from Marshall, O'Toole, Gerstein, Murray and Borun account number 13-2855.